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FM AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2293

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PGOV, CM

SUBJECT: MINOR GURC CABINET CHANGES

1. GURC DECREED MINOR CABINET SHUFFLE DEC 28 AS FOLLOWS:

A) UNIVERSITY OF YAOUNDE CHANCELLOR BERNARD BIDIAS A NGON REPLACES ZACHEE MONGO SO'O AS MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION;  
B) MONGO SO'O NAMED MINISTER DELEGATE AT PRESIDENCY IN CHARGE OF RELATIONS WITH PARLIAMENT. SEC GEN AT JUSTICE MINISTRY ROBERT MBELLA MBAPPE REPLACES BIDIAS A NGON AS UNIVERSITY CHANCELLOR.

2. BIDIAS A NGON (MINISTER OF FINANCE 1968-72) LOST FACE AT UNIVERSITY DURING DECEMBER STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS (YAOUNDE 3944, 3976, 4006). HE BLAMED BY BOTH STUDENTS AND FACULTY FOR PANICKING AND CALLING IN POLICE AND TROOPS PREMATURELY, THUS EXACERBATING SITUATION. BY PROMOTION TO EDUCATION MINISTRY AFTER ONLY TWO MONTHS AT UNIVERSITY POST, GURC MANAGES TO REMOVE HIM FROM UNIVERSITY WHILE APPARENTLY REWARDING RATHER THAN PUNISHING HIM FOR HARD LINE IN MAINTAINING ORDER AND DISCIPLINE.

3. MONGO SO'O EFFECTIVE MINED SINCE 1968, WAS PREVIOUSLY  
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(1965-68) SEC GEN AT PRESIDENCY. WHILE PARLIAMENTARY RELATIONS

IN TODAY'S CAMEROON HARDLY SOUNDS LIKE IMPORTANT PORTFOLIO,  
NEW POST FALLS WITHIN PRESIDENCY AND AS OPEN-ENDED POLITICAL  
LIAISON SLOT COULD DRAW MONGO SO'O--SAID TO BE HELD IN HIGH REGARD  
BY AHIDJO--INTO INNER CIRCLE OF AIDES THROUGH WHOM PRESIDENT  
EXERTS HIS OMNIPRESENT TIGHT CONTROL.

4. MBELLA MBAPPE NOT PERSONALLY KNOWN TO EMBASSY, BUT WE  
UNDERSTAND HE HAS DOCTORATE FROM EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, WHICH  
APPARENTLY MORE RESPECTABLE IN EYES MANY STUDENTS THAN ACADEMIC  
CREDENTIALS FROM CAMEROON.  
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